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1. Prior to 6 April 1952, the 13th PS Brigade [redacted] POB 1/73 k [redacted] in Prague commanded by Colonel Hlayacka (fmu) whose deputy was General Smoldas (fmu). The commanding officer of the brigade was Senior Lieutenant Kroch or Kruch (fmu). His predecessor from July until December 1951 was Lieutenant Karel Pepny who had succeeded Major Herian (fmu). The latter had probably been discharged in July 1951. Deputy of the commander and chief of staff was Captain Macejovsky (fmu) who was promoted to this rank in February 1952. Supply officer was Captain Bincik (fmu). Three STB junior lieutenants were employed at the brigade headquarters. They wore PS uniform without rank insignia. In March 1952, there were rumors within the unit that the brigade headquarters would be transferred to Horsovsky Tyn (Eischofsteinitz) (N 50/P 71). 25X1
2. Components subordinate to the brigade headquarters were: a guard detail of 40 to 50 men who were equipped with model 98 and model 24 rifles as well as model 48 A and B submachine guns and some model 26 light machine guns; a signal platoon; and the 1st to 5th Battalions in Bela nad Radbuza (Weissensulz) (N 50/P 52), Pivon (Stockau) (N 50/P 61), Trhanov (Chodenschloss) (N 50/P 70), Kout na Sumave (Kauth) (N 50/P 80) and Mostou (Hostou) (N 50/P 61) respectively. 25X1
3. The 1st Battalion in Bela nad Radbuza was organized into five companies, four of which, namely those in Ples (Floess) (N 50/P 51), Vaclav (Wenzelsdorf) (N 50/P 51), Eisendorf (N 50/P 52) and Eisendorfska Hut (N 50/P 51) respectively. 25X1
4. Prior to 31 January 1952, the 2d Battalion was under the command of Senior Lieutenant Frantisek Hrkal. It was organized into: a reserve detail of about 30 men equipped with 4 light and 2 heavy machine guns; a signal platoon of about 10 men; the 6th Company in Rybnik (Waier, N 50/P 51) of 50 to 55 men; the 7th Company in Dianin Dvur, 300 meters north of Dol Hut

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(Unterhuetten, N 50/P 50); the 8th Company of about 50 men with 3 light and 1 heavy machine guns in Paadorf, about 2 km south-southeast of Dol. Hut; the 9th Company of 55 men equipped with model 98 N and model 24 rifles, model 48 A and B submachine guns, three model 26 light and 2 model 37 heavy machine guns in Grafenried (N 50/P 50); and the 10th Company in Nemnice (Wassersuppen) (N 50/P 60).

5. The 3d Battalion in Trhanov consisted of: a reserve detail; the signal platoon; and four companies, one in Capartice (Nepomuk) (N 50/P 60); one near the Cerchov Hill, 4 km south of Capartice; one in Bystrice (Fichtenbach, N 50/U 69); and one in Zamecek, south of the Cerchov Hill.
6. The 4th Battalion in Kout na Sumave consisted of one company each in: Folmava (Vollmau) (N 50/U 79); Spalence (Premeth) (N 50/U 79); Vseruby (Neumark) (N 50/U 89); Maxov (Maxberg) (N 50/U 79); and Sruby, 4 km southeast of Vseruby.
7. The 5th Battalion, which is referred to as the training center of the Brigade, was stationed in Hostoun. It had a cadre personnel of about 100 men and also served as reserve battalion. An auxiliary training unit was in Ceske Kubice (Boehmisich Kubitzen) (N 50/U 79). An NCO school of an unidentified unit was stationed in Ujezd Sv. Krize (Heiligenkreuz) (50/P 62) in January 1952.
8. In April 1952, soldiers of the 1928 through 1930 classes, including about 1C percent Slovaks, were serving with the brigade. No new recruits had arrived since July 1951; but there were rumors that new inductions would take place in July 1952.
9. The brigade headquarters had 10 to 12 trucks of various types and 8 sedans and jeeps. [redacted] The battalion headquarters in Pivon had 3 trucks, 4 jeeps, 4 motorcycles and 5 riding horses, while the company in Grafenried had 1 jeep and 5 riding horses. 25X1
10. When intensified border patrols were ordered on holidays, the personnel of the headquarters, except for a guard detail, was employed to reinforce the companies. Patrols or sentries of 2 to 3 men were on duty at irregular intervals. Other patrols had to show up near the border to confuse and capture border crossers. Some patrols had dogs. Mounted patrols were employed in the rear area. In March 1952, the patrols were ordered to avoid roads. Machine guns were set up at bifurcations of the roads whenever intensified patrols were ordered. The patrol areas overlapped at the borders by about 200 to 300 meters.
11. Since November 1951, the quarters were fortified by earth shelters for machine guns, trenches 150 cm to 170 cm deep and wire entanglements. The personnel was explicitly informed that fleeing persons could be pursued without danger in the area of each company as no mines were laid anywhere. They were instructed that in case of mobilization the brigade would first be supported by units from Domazlice (Taus) (N 50/P 70), where [redacted] [redacted] soldiers with red and red-bordered black epaulets in January 1952. 25X1
[redacted] They were also told that the companies and the battalion had enough ammunition for 24 hours and that after 12 hours, additional troops would arrive.¹ 25X1

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Miscellaneous.

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13. Prior to February 1951, a PS battalion, which was subordinate to the PS brigade in Bratislava (Pressburg) (P 49/X 99), was stationed in Malacky (P 49/S 82). The battalion headquarters with reserve detail and signal platoon was quartered in the castle situated in the eastern section of Malacky. The two companies of the battalion were in Suchorady (Dimbruck) (P 49/ S 71) and Moravsky Sv. Jan (P 49/S 84) respectively. The PS NCO-school was quartered in the artillery barracks in the northeastern section of Bratislava. This barracks installation was bounded by Vajnorska cesta, Pred Kasarnou, Kukucinova ul. and Marscherova. An infantry NCO school was stationed in the Dukelske Barracks on the north side of Pred kasarnou. In January 1951, the chief was Captain Buzik (fmu). This barracks installation was previously named Vozatajske Barracks.³

1. [redacted] Comment. The information on the 13th PS Brigade and Unit [redacted] in Prague generally confirms previous information. [redacted] 25X1

The 35th Inf Regt of the 11th Inf Div is stationed in Domazlice.

2. [redacted] Comment. The information confirms the railroad regiment in Pardubice. [redacted] 25X1

3. [redacted] Comment. The 11th PS Brigade is in Bratislava. The information confirms the battalion in Malacky and its right wing company in Moravsky Sv.Jan. The neighbouring company to the right is stationed in Znojmo.

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